

Amendments to the Specification:

Amendments to the specification are requested below by way of replacement paragraph(s) with markings to show all changes relative to their previous version(s). The location of each affected paragraph is identified by paragraph number in brackets. These paragraph numbers refer to paragraph numbers appearing in the published version of the patent application, namely Patent Application Publication Pub. No.: US2006/0196141A1, published on September 7, 2006.

- 1) Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0035] To assemble the column beam 6 to the rafter beam 8, in step 100 the square ends of each are mitred to the required angle for mutual alignment. In step 101 the end plate is mitred to the required angle, here approximately 30.degree. it can be inserted in the end of rafter column 8 and its end lie flush therewith. In step 102 bolts 24 [[34]] are inserted into the holes 22 in the end thereof and holding plate 40 is slid into slots 28 to prevent the bolts 24 [[34]] from falling out subsequently. Recesses 26 hold ~~hold~~ the heads of ~~bolt~~ bolts 24 [[34]] captive so that they can be secured (see below). In step 104 end plate 14 is inserted into the otherwise open end of rafter beam 8 and is a sliding fit therein. The end plate 14 is inserted until its end 20 is aligned and flush with the end of rafter beam 8. In step 106 holes are drilled in both side walls of rafter beam 8 and therefore through limbs 16, 18. In step 108 bolts 24 [[34]] are passed through each of the holes from the exterior of one side wall of rafter beam 8 and through the rafter beam 8 to the exterior of the other side wall thereof and secured with corresponding nuts.

- 2) Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0036] In step 110 holes aligned with bolts 24 [[34]] are drilled in a side wall of column beam 6 to which the rafter beam is to be attached. In step 112 the bolts 24 [[34]] are inserted through the holes in column beam, nuts are applied and tightened through the open upper end of column beam 6.